Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 at 02:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for another couple of days of windy and occasionally wet weather and for increasingly settled conditions to become established through the weekend. Lower for the extent of rainfall at the end of the week.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021: Very windy, some rain in the morning, then drier and brighter but rain returning by the end of the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Sleet	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
30%	20%	10%	50%	60%	30%

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Weather: A dull start with some patchy rain and plenty of cloud shrouding the hills. Rain may turn heavy in places through the morning but will give way to drier and brighter conditions by the afternoon. Cloud thickening again mid-afternoon to bring outbreaks of rain, with perhaps some heavier bursts into the evening and falling as sleet or snow on the higher summits. Most of the cloud and the rain will clear late evening

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% improving to 80% towards the afternoon, but falling 30% late afternoon.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite extensive through the morning above around 400-600m bringing poor visibility at height but will lift from the west from mid to late morning with most, if not all summits becoming cloud free, however broken perhaps overcast cloud down to 500m by the end of the afternoon. Generally good visibility below the cloud base, but turning hazy during rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	62/75 S	58/72 S	47/62 SW	38/50 SW	34/44 SW	32/42 SW	33/44 SW
900	40/53 SW	39/53 SW	34/48 SW	28/39 SW	23/33 SW	24/34 SW	25/37 SW
600	57/68 S	54/67 SW	42/56 SW	33/44 SW	26/34 SW	26/36 SW	28/39 SW
300	28/40 S	27/41 S	24/38 SW	20/32 SW	14/24 SW	14/24 SW	16/28 SW
Glen	20/40 S	20/41 SW	17/35 SW	15/30 SW	9/21 SW	10/23 SW	12/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-0/-11	-0/-10	0/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-10	-2/-12
900	2/-6	2/-5	3/-5	2/-4	1/-5	1/-6	0/-7
600	6/-2	6/-2	6/-1	5/-1	4/-2	4/-3	3/-4
300	8/3	8/3	8/3	8/4	7/3	6/2	5/1
Glen	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/7	8/6	7/5	7/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1200m	1100m	1000m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Sunshine, albeit limited, likely to give glare off the remaining snowpack. Goggles will offer best protection against this and the strong winds.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021
Weather: A cold and windy day with scattered showers brought in on fresh to strong westerly winds. Showers falling as snow above 600-700m and rain and hail below this. Some bright or sunny interludes between these, especially through the afternoon as showers tend to fade. Cloud thickening and lowering through the evening.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 25-30 gusting 45mph, decreasing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% morning, 70% afternoon.

Visibility: Areas of cloud expected above around 500-700m through the morning, perhaps briefly lower in and around showers. Breaks developing more widely through afternoon with cloud only occasional above around 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** 5 rising 8C.
At 800m: Around minus 1C.
Freezing level: 700-900m.

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